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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, the term for response to which is extended by three months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to November 9, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following:

In accordance with a preferred aspect of the present invention, the opening flange of the wafer holder comes into contact only with the whole chamfered tapered face of the border of a semiconductor wafer on the side of its surface which is subject to epitaxial growth. The opening flange can also support the wafer through the contact with the tapered face without allowing the slipping out of the wafer to its surface side; in this case, the opening flange does not contact

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